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conveying surface (4a) with an outer surface opposite to [the] said receiving surface (3a) and [the] said angle (α) corresponds to the angle of enclosure which is enclosed by [the] said receiving surface (3a) of the stand up bag (3) with the opposite outer surface of the stand up bag (3).

4 (Amended). The apparatus according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 3, characterized in that the] wherein said transfer [device contains] means comprises a transfer drum (6) which is rotatable about a central axis (6a) which is inclined by [the] said angle (α) and on the periphery of which the drinking straws (2) can be supplied.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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[Described is an apparatus] Apparatus for applying a drinking straw on a receiving surface of a stand up bag which can be supplied on a conveying surface to a transfer device for drinking straws. To increase the conveying speed of said apparatus, the transfer means [should be] is arranged such that the drinking straw while being handed over encloses an acute angle with the conveying surface.

REMARKS

The claims have now been reviewed and amended for clarification, and to conform to U.S. practice. The specification has been given headings, and the Abstract has been revised. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted the application as amended above is now in condition for substantive examination on the

